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Subject: RE: EPA report story

+ Lisa, Jasmin, Andrew

Thanks, Nikia. I'll flag this with HQ. In the meantime, can you get me 2-3 sentences on West Side soils and current status? We may need to advise HQ on best message for the delay issue described on page 6 of this IG report. https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-09/documents/_epaig_20170919-17-p-0397.pdf

Excerpt: Region 8 stated in its survey response that it had site work it could not start due to lack of FTEs at the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area NPL site in Butte, Montana. Specifically, work is currently delayed at the West Side Soils Operable Unit (OU13), which includes the mining-impacted areas in and around the city. For the site, potential health threats include direct contact with and ingestion of contaminated soil, surface water and groundwater; and inhaling contaminated soil. Contaminants of concern include arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead and zinc. The EPA reports that it has insufficient data to determine whether human exposure is under control, and the site is not ready for anticipated use. Region 8 also added that other sites could be advancing more quickly through the NPL process if they had additional regional project manager FTEs to assist in the work.

A portion of the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area Superfund site. (EPA photo)

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Hi Rich,

Unfortunately, Robert is in the field can you please advise on responding to Mr. Emeigh.

Thanks,

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Robert,

Mr. Emeigh called me from KXLF and wants a reaction to the Associated Press Article below. Please advise, he asked a couple of questions, and I told him we have a process and I would not be able to comment at this time. I did answer an obvious question which was that the article was referring to WSSOU.

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